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## **All Aboard!** **Excursion Trains are Running** **4th of July Weekend at Railtown 1897**

***Plus Special Rides Behind Sierra No. 3 Offered on Monday Only***

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – The ever-popular weekend steam-powered excursion trains at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) will be running all three days of the 4th of July holiday weekend -- July 2, 3 and 4 -- with special rides behind Sierra No. 3 (widely known as the "Movie Star Locomotive") and aboard Caboose No. 7 on Monday, July 4 only. On Saturday and Sunday, the excursion trains depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Then on Monday, July 4, excursion train ride availability has been expanded with trains departing hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day only.

Excursion train ride passengers will be treated to a six-mile, 40-minute round trip ride along the rails of the famous "Movie Railroad," passing through California's scenic Gold Country where scenes from many Hollywood movies were filmed. Tickets for all holiday weekend steam train excursion rides are \$13 for adults, \$6 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. On Saturday and Sunday, tickets are available on a first-come, first served basis at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. the day of the train ride. For Monday, July 4, train rides behind Sierra No. 3, advance tickets are available online at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org). As always, all train ride tickets include Park admission.

In addition, guests are encouraged to spend the day at Railtown 1897 SHP by touring the Park and learning more about its authentic railroad facilities and fascinating role in the Hollywood and television industry. Also, guests are invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn while enjoying the holiday weekend.

Steam-powered excursion train rides are offered weekends through October 2011. For more information about excursion train rides or Railtown 1897 SHP in general, please call 209-984-3953 or visit [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org).

### **About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park**

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as "The Movie Railroad," the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org)

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